

In the claims

1-30 (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A method for providing subscription code services in a geographical area, the method comprising:

allocating a plurality of subscription codes for the services;

provisioning a trigger at each of at least one ~~service-switching point switch~~ within the geographical area, ~~within~~ wherein the trigger is adapted to detect calls initiated by callers using one of the subscription codes;

querying a ~~service-control point controller~~ controller for call routing instructions when a call initiated by a caller using a subscription code is detected at a ~~service-switching point switch~~;

determining an originating region from which the call was initiated;

retrieving a telephone number from a table containing associations of the subscription code to multiple telephone numbers corresponding to different originating regions based at least in part on the subscription code and the originating region determined for the call, wherein the telephone number is ~~not a variable that depends on the most recent calling party who dialed a telephone number of the subscriber~~ substantially permanently assigned to the subscription code; and

terminating the call using the telephone number.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the originating region is determined based on one or more of an NPA-NXX designation, an originating point code, and a zip code associated with the caller.

33. (Currently Amended) A method for providing subscription code services in a geographical area, the method comprising:

allocating a plurality of subscription codes for the services;

provisioning a trigger at each of at least one ~~service-switching point switch~~ within the geographical area, ~~within~~ wherein the trigger is adapted to detect calls initiated by callers using one of the subscription codes;

querying a ~~service control point~~ controller for call routing instructions when a call initiated by a caller using a subscription code is detected at a ~~service switching point~~ switch;

determining a condition under which the call was initiated;

retrieving a telephone number from a table containing associations of the subscription code to multiple telephone numbers corresponding to different conditions based at least in part on the subscription code and the condition determined for the call, wherein the telephone number is ~~not a variable that depends on the most recent calling party who dialed a telephone number of the subscriber~~ substantially permanently assigned to the subscription code; and

terminating the call using the telephone number.

34. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the condition is related to a time at which the call was initiated.

35. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the condition is related to which day of the week the call was initiated.

36. (Currently Amended) A method for providing subscription code services in a geographical area, the method comprising:

allocating a plurality of subscription codes for the services;

provisioning a trigger at each of at least one ~~service switching point~~ switch within the geographical area, ~~within~~ wherein the trigger is adapted to detect calls initiated by callers using one of the subscription codes;

querying a ~~service control point~~ controller for call routing instructions when a call initiated by a caller using a subscription code is detected at a ~~service switching point~~ switch;

presenting to the caller a list of subscribers associated with the subscription code;

receiving one telephone number corresponding to a subscriber that has been chosen by the caller from the list, wherein the one telephone number is ~~not a variable that~~

~~depends on the most recent calling party who dialed a telephone number of the~~
~~subscribers~~ substantially permanently assigned to the subscriber code; and
terminating the call using the telephone number.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein the presenting step involves a prerecorded announcement.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 36, wherein the presenting and receiving steps are performed by one or both of a service node and the ~~service switching point~~ switch.